

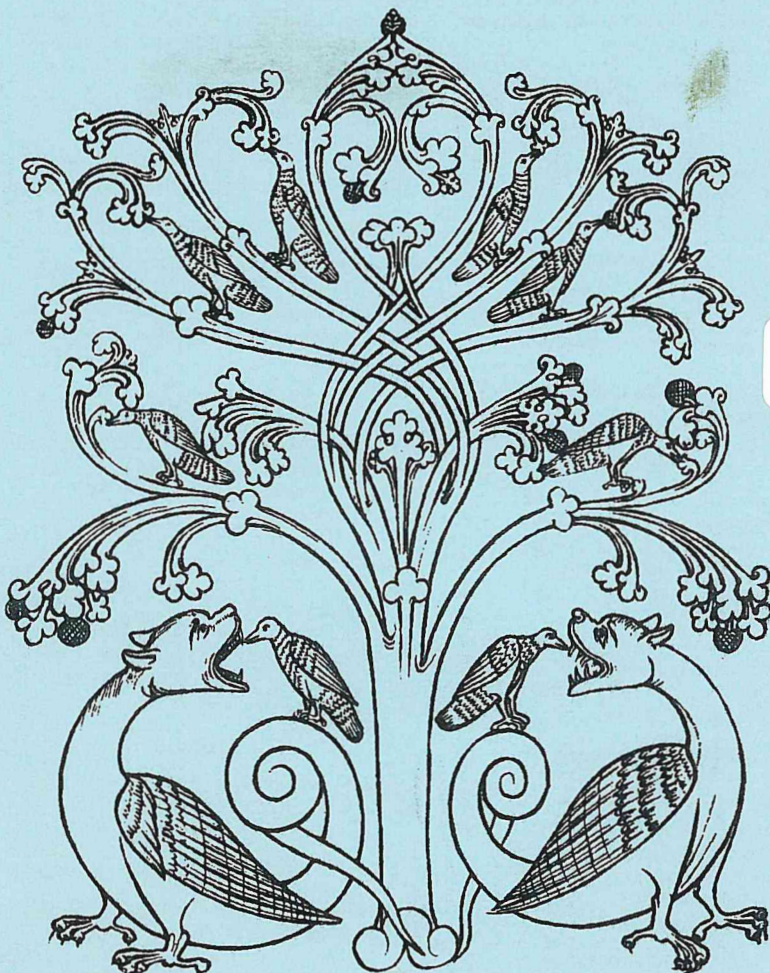


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

3-6	SILVER PASS IX <i>Rio de las Animas</i> ○
11-12	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT <i>Windkeep</i> ○
17-19	AL-BARRAN CHAMPIONS ○
24-26	CHALLENGE OF THE SANDS <i>Kahlland</i> ○

OCTOBER

1-3	WAR FOR THE STAKED PLAINS <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i> ❖
2-3	<i>Estrella War Treaty Negotiations in Atenveldt</i> ⌘
9	QUEEN'S PRIZE TOURNEY <i>Unser Hafen</i> ○
16	ST GOLIATH FEAST DAY <i>St. Goliath</i> ○
17	ESPERANZA ○

NOVEMBER

13-14	OUTLANDS CORONATION <i>Blaiddynn</i> ○
??	TOYS FOR TOTS ○

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

What a great month it has been, we have really enjoyed spending weekends with all of you at the park, a big thank you to everyone that joined us for the Populace Meeting and expressed their opinions, practices are going great, lots of fun stuff happening; dancing, arts, rapier, and heavy at the park on Sundays. Thank you to everyone that traveled with us for the fun (and the bear) at Clann War, what a blast! Kudos to "al-Barran + 1" for taking down the "strung out" bear. Baron's War was a great relaxing time, congratulations to Michael McQuillan for his victory and to Kaz for becoming the new Champion of Terra Insubstantia. al-Barranian's representing, Huzzah!

Are you ready for some Champions? Get subscribed (if your reading someone else's Shaft :) and get your gear and voice ready for Champions of al-Barran. The event is free, and the Barony will be providing the main dish for Saturday night dinner as a big THANK YOU for all the hard work the populace puts in during the year. We will be hosting tournaments (heavy, rapier, and archery) to determine our Champions in addition to an evening of entertainment to find the next Bard of al-Barran. So make your plans to join us at Land's End September 17-19.

And please join us in our travels for September; opening with the cool trees of Silver Pass (9/3-6), then Crown Tournament in Windkeep (9/11-12), and closing out lakeside with Challenge of the Sands in Kahlland (9/24-26). You are all welcome, and encouraged, to camp with us anytime, just let us know so we can plan accordingly. October will bring War of the Staked Plains to Scorpions Hollow (10/1-3) and Queen's Prize/Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture (10/9 - we will be attending and can take your projects if you cannot attend). Also on tap for October, are St. Goliath Feast Day on Saturday 16th, with Esperanza following at Bataan park on Sunday 17th.

Special thanks to our Quartermaster team (Tomas, Natasha, Bjorn, and others) that have subdued the Keep, look for an online inventory soon. A'isha has done a wonderful job with our very own arts in the parks program, the scheduled activities look great. Lots of other new activities have geared up in August, please join in and, or all, of them:

- Regalia committee; thanks for the pegs - we were much more secure at Baron's War. Many projects are planned so lots of help will be needed.

- Newcomer's household meeting; 2nd Tuesdays of the month for all interested people, not just newcomers.

- Site Search committee; hasn't met as of publication, but our plan is to focus initially on finding a new site for Outlandish. If you have suggestions, send them our way. Watch the listserv and next month's Shaft for more details.

- Youth Activities; after considering the words of our populace and the

guidelines set forth by the BOD and Kingdom, we did reach a decision. Please see the full text elsewhere in this issue.

Is there someone out there making things happen, excelling at what they do, someone that needs an award? Let us know. You can make award recommendations in writing or online (at www.al-Barran.org or www.outlands.org for Kingdom awards).

For those fighters still reading (or those still reading to the fighters :), get thee to the park on Sundays! Melee practices have begun. Get geared up at 10:30am for warm-ups then melees begin at 11:00am. If you have a Baronial or Kingdom tabard, bring it out to make the sides more recognizable. Start working as a unit now to dominate the field at Estrella.

For al-Barran!

Ryan

Tana



FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings,

I would like to take a moment to thank all the officers for their dedicated service to the Barony. Without such great folks it would be impossible to keep the strong presence within the Outlands that al-Barran enjoys. Remember that as a member of the populace you are always welcome to help, or become an officer. If you have an interest in a particular area get in touch with that officer, and I am sure they would be more than happy to speak with you about the job. Currently there is a need for a new Quartermaster. If you have an interest in this office please submit a letter to Their Excellencies and me by al-Barran Champions. This can be in email format, hand delivered, or standard mail.

Speaking of al-Barran Champions, please don't forget to make sure your subscription to the Shaft is current. It is not only a requirement to enter the tournaments, but it is also a great way to stay up on all the Baronial happenings. Remember, cost is only \$10.00 a year, and that is a great deal.

Lastly, I would like to remind the populace that we are once again trying to regain the Toys for Tots sword that was spirited away by that Barony up north. I have it on good authority that they will be jealously guarding this prize. Therefore, everyone should start thinking now of ways to gather vast quantities of toys that can be used to pry this from their grasp. When al-Barran puts its might to it, nothing can stop us. And the greatest part of this is the children that we ALL will be benefiting this year.

Yours in Service,

James David

FROM THE REEVE

Good Tidings and Salutations,

I hope that some of you were able to take the Reeve class offered at Pack Games? If not, I will be teaching classes on Reeve & Autocrating as much as possible this year. So, please, if you see that a class is being taught, take advantage of the opportunity to learn more! We are forever Lifelong students...

There are 2 Deputy positions still available:

Gate Coordinator Deputy – Handles All Gate Forms and information
General Duties Deputy

Interested candidates should have basic bookkeeping experience, and/or accounting degree. If you or someone your know is interested in filling these positions, please contact me at:

reeve@al-barran.org or 242-6735 (no calls after 9:30 pm).

Now on to the FUN stuff – the adventures of accounting, and what the Reeve Office is all about...The Final Doomsday Report numbers have come in:

INCOME STATEMENT

	INCOME	Source	Amount
1	Contributions from the General Public	Income Worksheet	
2	Direct Contributions	Income Worksheet	240.00
3	Adjusted Gross Event Related Income	Income Worksheet	33,669.01
4	Funds Received from	SCA Funds Transferred WITHIN KINGDOM (A)	567.32
	Another SCA Account	Worksheet OUTSIDE KINGDOM or NON-US GROUPS(B)	
5	Income from Sale of Non Inventory Property	Property Worksheet - ND	
6	Interest Earned		
7	Net Inventory Sales Income	Inventory Worksheet	
8	Net Newsletter Income	Income Worksheet	894.67
9	Other Income	Income Worksheet	14.03
10	TOTAL GROSS INCOME (Sum of Lines 1 through 9)		35,385.05

	EXPENSES	(Source)	Office & Admin.	Event Related	Fund Raising	
11	Advertising					
12	Bad Debts					
13	Bank Service Charges		57.95	20.00		77.95
14	Depreciation (Property Worksheet - D)			473.71		473.71
15	Equipment Rental & Maintenance			12,899.88		12,899.88
16	Fees & Honoraria (Expense Worksheet)					
17	Food			5,943.00		5,943.00
18	General Supplies		366.88	8,144.67		8,511.55
19	Insurance (NON-SCA)					
20	Occupancy & Site Charges		420.00	4,598.65		5,018.65
21	Postage & Shipping, PO Box Rental		656.00			656.00
22	Printing & Publications		1,300.05	673.98		1,974.03
23	Released Property (Property Worksheet - D)					
24	Telephone					
25	Travel (Gas, Tolls, Airfare)		81.01			81.01
26	Other Expenses (Expense Worksheet)			112.25		112.25
27	SUB-TOTAL (Lines 11 - 26)		2,881.89	32,666.14		35,748.03
28	Donations to Other 501(c)(3) [Nonprofit] Organizations					
29a	Moved to Another	(SCA Funds Transferred Worksheet - Out)			WITHIN KINGDOM	1,816.00
29b	SCA Account	(SCA Funds Transferred Worksheet - Out)			OUTSIDE KINGDOM/US	356.00
30	TOTAL EXPENSES				(Line 27 TOTAL + Lines 28 to 29b)	37,920.03
31	NET INCOME (MUST MATCH Charge in Net Worth)				(Line 10 Minus Line 30)	(2,534.98)

In Service to the Dream,
Lady Algiarn Aljin

Chronicler's note: For some reason I could not make this image a bigger size to make it easier to read, sorry about that.—KR

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Hello everyone,

I want to thank all of the teachers who did classes in August. We still have a lot going on in September and October.

ARTS IN THE PARK CLASSES

All classes will begin around 1:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

Sept. 5 th	Mah Jongg; Haniya bat Baruch Chess; Sir Dennis GO; THL Alia (not confirmed)
Sept. 12 th	Nailbinding; Lady Gytha
Sept. 17 th - 19 th	<i>Champions of al-Barran</i>
Sept. 26 th	Herbalism; Lady Roma
Oct. 3 rd	Origami; THL OEngus of Greymist
Oct. 9 th - 10 th	<i>Queens Prize</i>
Oct. 17 th	<i>Esperanza</i>
Oct. 24 th	Liqueurs; Lady Danica

I want to encourage everyone who can to participate in Queen's Prize. It is a wonderful event and does not have the high pressure of a full competition. It is the perfect place to test run things for competition, to try a new art, you will get the best constructive critiques the kingdom has to offer. I have been both an exhibiter and a commenter at Queen's Prize and consider it to be some of the best experiences I have had in the Arts.

Baronial Arts and Science Champion will be chosen at the A&S Collegium and Ball on the Saturday of Toys for Tots event. There is an article outlining all parameters.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

- Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
- Singing with Lord Tancred
Starting again in November on Wednesday 6:30pm 268-4994
- Armor workshops with Master Tore
Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694
- Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair
3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
- Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales Practices
Most Sundays during fighter practice

Events:

- Sept 17th-19th Champion of al-Barran
Best scorpion in any medium on Saturday check in around 10:00am
see THL A'isha; Brewing Competition on Saturday see Lord Michael
McQuillan of Blackthorne; Best side dish and dessert for the potluck on
Saturday see autocrat; Bard of al-Barran runs congruently with the
Saturday Bardic contact Lord Tancred with your intentions as Bard
- Sept 25th-26th Challenge of the Sands in Kahliland
Arts classes, competition and display area

Oct 9th Queens Prize
 See the plug on this above
 Oct 17th Esperanza
 there will be an Arts Competition any medium showing good over evil
 Nov 20th -21st Toys for Tots, Baronial A&S Champion , Collegium, and
 Ball
 Dec 18th-19th Midwinter
 Prizes for period garb, table settings etc.

THL Aisha

FROM THE LOANER GARB MISTRESS

Greetings one and all,

The loaner garb project is complete!! The barony of al-Barran now has 106 pieces of loaner garb!! I wish to thank Lady Kathws, Lady Elisabeth, Don Otteux, Lady Bronwen, Lord Nolan and Lady Riannen, and Lady Gwen Sas-tra for their generous donations of material. In addition I would like to thank THL Delia, Lady Tessa and Miressa for their aid in sewing many items. Thank you as well to THL Delia for donning each piece of garb with a gold scorpion marking it as loaner garb. Please refer anyone in need of garb directly to me at captain548@msn.com .

In service

Lady Diana of Llanberis



FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

Please welcome to the chronicler's office my new deputy, Lord Y Port Lairge. In October and November, Lord Y Port Lairge will be editing the newsletter in preparation for taking over as chronicler by the end of the year. Check out the new calendar page, perhaps now its will be of more use to all.

Thank you to all the populace who met with me at the park or at the citizen meetings lately to start subscriptions and renew subscriptions. On Sundays I try to be at the park available to take payments for new subscription and renewals.

Thank you, Michael for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. I wonder who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathws

AL-BARRAN YOUTH DECISION

Greetings unto the populace,

First, a big thank you to everyone that has provided information and opinion to this process; our youth, parents, concerned citizens, others outside the Barony, in groups and in many one-on-one conversations that have occurred over the past months.

All these conversations have led to the following issues and concerns:

1. There is enough interest from Baronial parents to warrant doing something.
2. There are Kingdom Guidelines that require certain actions
 - Reporting: Quarterly activities and injury reports (within 10 days of incident)
 - Other tasks as defined in the MoC Handbook located at:
<http://www.outlands.org/Library/library.html>
3. There are common themes to what people want:
 - Central point of contact for activity ideas, interested people, and general support/discussion
 - Access to resources; money, storage space, people, etc.
 - Inclusion of youth in activities rather than relegating them to "kids only" activities.
 - Other expectations and ideas were discussed as potential MoC duties, many of them contradictory and divisive.
4. There are common themes to what people don't want:
 - Baby sitting service
 - Parenting advice
 - Substitute parents
5. The Seneschal has enough to do in a Barony this size without the added work of being the default MoC.
6. There is sizable resistance to the creation of an office, due primarily to a lack of clarity or agreement about it's role and responsibility. There are many other concerns, but this is the largest for us. If the most concerned of the populace cannot agree on what this office should do, how can anyone be expected to succeed in, much less enjoy, holding it.
7. Legal matters; discussion of underage drinking, inappropriate activity, and gate policy (waivers and enforcement) have all come up as part of the MoC discussion. None of these things are within the purview of the **MoC, nor should they be, they already belong** to other entities and/or officers. Given these concerns we present the following:

1) Creation of an al-Barran Youth and Parents Group charged with gathering information on youth activities, and those interested in hosting them, for a variety of ages and being a central resource for the youth, parents, and auto-crats of the Barony and it's guests.

To be comprised of any interested youth, parent, or member of the populace.

With access to Baronial resources as a recognized special interest group:

- Listing in the Shaft of regular meetings and contact person(s).
- Reporting line during Baronial meetings for discussion of ideas and issues.
- Access to Baronial funds, storage space, and other resources.

First meeting to be held Tuesday 8/31 from 7-9pm.

- Initial agenda to determine regular meeting times and contact information.

2) We will review the performance of the Youth and Parents Group in June 2005.

3) If an event has Youth activities, the organizer (or the event autocrat) will submit a report of those activities to the Seneschal as part of the event wrap-up. The Seneschal will then combine these event reports into the Kingdom required reports.

We look forward to the continuation of the lively discussions this topic has always generated. If you have specific questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you all again for your input,

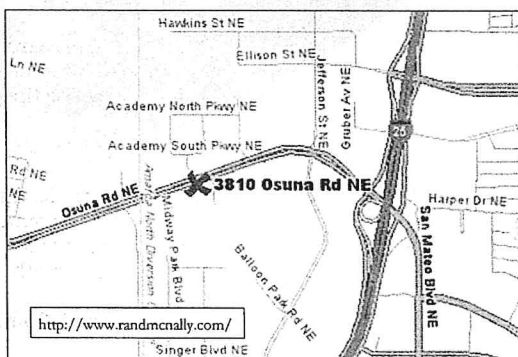
Ryan and Tana

NEWCOMERS HOUSEHOLD

The Barony of Al-Barran is beginning a series of regular ongoing, informational gatherings for those new to the SCA (New being defined as being a member for less than 2 years). These will be informal (garb is not required) meetings at which some aspect of the Society will be discussed. We may talk about preparing for a camping event, or have a dialogue on the meaning of honor, or make T tunics, or discuss protocol, or watch a period movie. All are welcome.

Old-timers—what do you wish someone had clued you in on when you first started to play? What do you think it is important for new players to know? I need your input.

If you are interested in mentoring newcomers, If you would like to be involved as a presenter or facilitator, or would like to attend, or have something to say on the subject or need additional detail, please contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com. Meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at 3810 Osuna NE, Suite 1, Aspen Behavioral Health, Albuquerque, NM. For driving directions contact Baroness Emma at 730-1967.



BARONIAL ARTS & SCIENCE CHAMPION

It is time to choose a new Arts and Science Champion for al-Barran. It will be a little different than before. It will be a display competition. The trifold format from Science Faire is Her Excellencies preferred way to display for this competition. The only requirement to enter is you must have a subscription to the Shaft, subscriptions will be available on site.

Judging for the competition will be Her Excellency Tana and a panel of commentators. They will not be requiring documentation but it will improve your chances of becoming A&S Champ. Other things that will improve your chances are if you have been in other competitions or Queen's Prizes, multiple displays, and at least one Science display.

Her Excellency Tana wants a well rounded hum dinger of a Champion come out and show her what al-Barran has to offer. Wait all you need is a subscription to the Shaft to enter that means al-Barran's A&S Champion could be from outside of al-Barran. So dust off your subscription and see if you can take the Championship home with you where ever you may live.



A NEW SINGING GROUP

Two of my favorite memories and experiences in the SCA was going to Mistress AElfled's house several years ago and also to Lady Danica's house another year to learn and practice period songs for two different mid-Winter events. Several individuals are interested in forming a new singing group to learn and sing period songs at events. These songs would be along the same lines as the songs sung at Mistress AElfled's and Lady Danica's and are not the type of songs that are normally sung at Bardics. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453



Mabsant was a festival held in Wales at nutting time, usually coinciding with the Christian feast of Holy Cross Day, which commemorates the finding of the cross by St. Helena. The nut-gathers returned to the inn where they played games, using the nuts to pay fines and forfeits. Mabsant was a name generally given to the locality's patron saint, in whose honour dances and assemblies were held. Musicians traveled from Mabsant to Mabsant around the land. One Glamorgan harpist began such a circuit when he was twenty-three and retired when he was ninety-three!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practices are held starting at 11:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Ongoing, informational, informal gatherings for new members of the SCA. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, starting in August. Meetings to be held at 3810 Osuna NE, Suite 1, Aspen Behavioral Health, Albuquerque, NM. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

*Three candles that illumine every darkness:
truth, nature, knowledge.*



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3-6	SILVER PASS IX Rio de las Animas Labor Day
6	
11-12	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT Windkeep
14	Newcomers Household Meeting; starts at 6:30pm, see Article
14	New Moon
15	Rosh Hashanah
17-19	AL-BARRAN CHAMPIONS
21	CITIZEN'S MEETING; Articles <u>DUE</u> for the Baronial Shaft!!
22	Autumn Equinox
24	Yom Kippur
24-26	CHALLENGE OF THE SANDS
	Kahlland
28	Full Moon

The Gaulish Calendrical Tablet, the Coligny Calendar, the month of September-October was called Cantlos or 'song-time', since this was the season when the agricultural year was winding down and the delights of winter leisure were beginning. At this season, wandering bards would seek patrons to accommodate and feed them over the winter.

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SEPTEMBER

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Activities Listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 13&16. Also check out the Minister of A&S' letter for the other A&S opportunities.				1	2	3	4 Archery, Equestrian & Westside Fighter
		5 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	6 Gammer Gurton's Needle	7	8	9	10
		12 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	13 Gammer Gurton's Needle	14 Newcomer's Household Meeting	15	16	17 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop
		19 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	20 Gammer Gurton's Needle	21 CITIZEN S MEETING	22	23 -A&S Knowledge Exchange & Wkshp	24
		26 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	27 Gammer Gurton's Needle	28	29	30	25

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Court Dance Practice

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Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: http://shiao_mel.home.comcast.net/sscales.html to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Melody's house, and some Sundays at fighter practice. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Singing Group Practice—NEW!

A new singing group is forming, if you are interested in learning and singing period songs this is the group for you. More info on page 9. If you are interested in being a member of this singing group or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@nsn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Interested Adults Discussion List—NEW!

A new discussion list has been created for the exchange of information and ideas for the children, youth, teens, and parents in al-Barran and for the adults who have been helping with children, youth and teen activities in al-Barran. To join this group, go to www.yahoo.com, and search for the [al-Barran Youth and Parents](http://www.alBarranYouthandParents.com) discussion list.

The number nine is prominent in Celtic lore, composed of the sacred three, times three. Nine waves demark the sovereignty of any coast-line and to go beyond nine waves indicates exile; nine maidens kindle the cauldron of the Underworld; the Beltane fire was kindled with nine sticks from nine different trees and lit by nine men.

BARONIAL PAGES AND HANDMAIDENS

Greetings to the Populace of al-Barran,

First let me apologize for leaving so abruptly at the al-Barran All-Thing a couple of weeks ago, I became very ill and had to go home rather quickly.

Second, I believe that we are ready to begin working with any young men wishing to be pages or young women wishing to be hand-maidens.

For the young men considering signing up to be pages, their anticipated duties will include assisting His Excellency Ryan with anything he may need from carrying his shield, carrying his water, to running general errands, and assisting the Guardsmen.

For the young ladies considering signing up to be hand-maidens, their anticipated duties will include assisting Her Excellency Tana with anything she may need from carrying a basket, to running errands to assisting her Ladies-in-Waiting.

Both groups will be asked to process into court with Their Excellencies carrying banners, pennants, baskets, or other age appropriate items; however, they will not be asked to stand court at this time. Once they are comfortable in their position, they will be asked to assist any visiting Nobility when the need arises. Additionally they will be asked to assist the Minister of the Lists as card runners when needed.

Please contact me via email at baronesse@yahoo.com or baroness_em@hotmail.com if your youngster is interested. Please provide me contact information for both you and your child, including the child's name and age, and the kinds of things that they are interested in participating in, or things that they are NOT interested in participating in and events that you and your child will be attending in the near future

Their Excellences would like to have hand-maidens and pages to assist them at Baronial Champions. I will be setting up a brief meeting for parents and their children at an upcoming fighter practice, once I determine interest in this program. The main form of communication for this program will be via e-mail, so please keep this in mind when you are signing up your child to participate in this program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-730-1967.

Emma of Essex

Chatelaine to Ryan and Tana, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran



The Autumn Equinox is called Alban Elued or 'the Light of the Water' among the reformed druidic orders. This day represents the sun's mid-way point between midsummer and midwinter and so 'the light of the water' indicates the descent of the sun into the cosmic ocean. As Lughnasadh marks the grain harvest, so this festival marks the fruit harvest.

CHAMPIONS OF AL-BARRAN

Barony of al-Barran

September 17 – 19, AS XXXIX (2004)

Land's End, Stanley, NM

This event is free. The Site is wet.

Site opens Friday Sept. 17th at 12 noon and closes Sunday Sept. 19th at 4pm

Tournaments, feasting, dancing and more! The Barony of al-Barran invites one and all to join us in celebrating the glory that is al-Barran! As a reminder that romance and chivalry should be encouraged always (not just in February) this year's theme is "Cupid's Revenge" so be prepared for a week-end of fun, merriment and courtly behavior. We may even have a few surprises here and there.

Join us Friday night for drumming & dancing. Saturday night we will be having a Potluck Feast and the Bardic competition. Let's not forget all the tournaments, competitions and lots of fun to be had throughout the event. Bring your gear for the Heavy, Rapier & Archery tournaments (and melees of course!). The Baronial Flower of Chivalry & the Rapier Flower of Chivalry will also be chosen at this event.

Teachers Wanted for Children's Activities at al-Barran Champion's Event

If you would like to teach our youth some period games or songs, boffering techniques, an art or science, a SCA 101 class, a marshalling skill or any other SCA skill or concept at al-Barran's Champions event, September 17-19th, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453. We would like activities for the various age levels (children, youth, tweens and teens.) Any activity, class or quest would be very appreciated.

In order to enter any of the titled tournaments or compete for the position of Bard of al-Barran, all entrants must have a current subscription to the Baronial Shaft, which will be sold on site. We will also be holding competitions for Best Brew, Best Potluck Side Dish, Best Dessert, Scorpion in Any Medium, Tween Dream, Cupid's Lord & Cupid's Lady. More information on some of the newer competitions will be forthcoming.

Directions to the site: Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to exit 196 (Howard Cavazos) at Moriarty. Go north on NM-41 for 12 miles. Turn right (east) on White Lakes Road, and go 4.5 miles. Turn left (north) on Rough Road and go 2 miles. Turn right (east) at the road (there will be a sign) and go 1 mile to Land's End.

Autocrat: Lady Gabrielle Stardust (Kristi Kountz) 505 Dorado SE Apt. C, Albuquerque, NM 87123; klkountz@hotmail.com (505) 269-0764
Deputy Autocrat: Meghan of the Rom (Victoria Davila) P.O. Box 394, McIntosh, NM 87032; fireangel13@earthlink.net (505) 384-2417

FEAST DAY OF SAINT GOLIAS

College of Saint Golias

October 16, AS XXXIX (2004)

New Mexico Tech Athletic Field

801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801

Site fee only: adult \$5, children 3-12 \$3,

children under 3 no charge

Site & Feast fee: adult \$12, children 3-12 \$6,

children under 3 no charge

NM Tech students will receive a \$2 discount on site fee.

Family cap of \$30

Site is DRY, no pets please

Unto all fine gentles of these fair Outlands does the College of Saint Golias send warmest greetings!

Twenty-seven years have we of this fine College dedicated ourselves to the most honorable pursuits of our Patron Saint. Many great endeavors have we undertaken in our sacred quest for the finest Wine, Women and Song. Upon the Sixteenth Day of October we welcome all good gentles to celebrate with us the Feast Day of Saint Golias, and to share the fruits of our labors.

The celebration will commence at 10:00 am on the New Mexico Tech Athletics Field with a game tourney, since it was ever Saint Golias' duty to spread the knowledge of dice, cards and other such challenges of wit and skill. Following the merriment, fierce combat shall commence to determine the new Defender of Saint Golias, as well as our Patron Saint's First Blade.

The evening would not be complete without feast and frolic, and both shall be had at the Socorro Holiday Inn Express Convention Center (1100 N. California Street, directions will be available during the day).

Alas, our feast, frolic and tourney sites are dry; therefore, the most honorable pursuits of Saint Golias will be heartily celebrated at the after-revel following (site to be announced at the feast).

Directions to the site, a map, a menu, and a full schedule of events will be provided on the website at: www.nmt.edu/~golias/feastday.html

To best join our merriment and reserve your place at our table, please mail your *prepaid* reservation to Flainn Raighne (Matthew McCleary), 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM 87832.

For concerns about the celebration of Saint Golias, please contact the Autocrat, Lord Sveinn Grimarsson (Adam Milner) carmaic@nmt.edu

Please direct inquiries concerning the Feast of Saint Golias to the Lady Auria (Mandy McCleary), (505) 838-0590, 99A Bosquecito Road, San Antonio, NM 87832.



ESPERANZA V

Barony of al-Barran

Sunday, October 17th, AS XXXIX (2004)

Bataan Park, Albuquerque, NM

Site opens at 9:00am and Closes at 6:00pm

Event is FREE

In the ongoing fight between good and evil, the forces of good can never forget their greatest weapon...HOPE! Therefore, the theme for Esperanza this year is GOOD vs. EVIL! We will have a heavy and rapier tournament, and to enter either, you must convince our baron and baroness that you are firmly on the side of good. Only with Their Excellencies' leave will you be allowed to serve on the side of good. So ready your rapiers, axes, and spears, for the army of good needs YOU!

Don't forget about our annual Esperanza arts and sciences competition. Since good vs. evil is the theme this year, make your a&s project something that signifies that you are on the side of good!

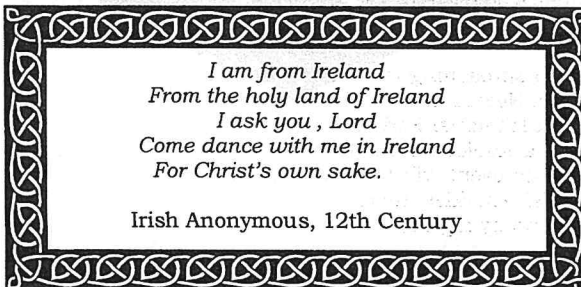
Evil must be vanquished!

Although this is a free event, there will be a donation lunch, so either bring a dish to share, or support your barony and please make a donation. There is also a food competition, the categories being 'most period,' 'baroness's choice,' and 'populace choice.' Who knows? You just might get a pretty cool prize!

Site is extremely, unbelievably, undeniably, irreversibly, and uncompromisingly DRY.

Directions to site: Take your best route to Albuquerque, New Mexico. From I-40, take the Carlisle exit and head south. Keep going until you reach Lomas (there will be a Walgreens on the northwest corner), and take a right. Bataan park is immediately on your right, between the streets of Amherst and Tulane. From I-25, take the Lomas exit, (which is south of I-40) and head east (towards the mountains). You will pass University, then Girard. Just before Carlisle, you will see the park on your left, between Amherst and Tulane.

Autocrat: Lord Michael McQuillan of Blackthorne (Glenn Clayburn)
(505)332-9213, (ponyboy314@comcast.net)



CORONATION

College of Blaiddwyn

November 13-14, AS XXXIX (2004)

Student Union Building Ballroom, UNM, Albuquerque, NM

Site fee: \$10(plus a non-member surcharge \$3.00); Feast fee: \$15

The college of Blaiddwyn is honored to be able to host the Fall Outlands Coronation. The majority of the event will be held in the grand ballroom of the University of New Mexico's Student Union Building. We hope to hold a memorable Coronation that will be new and fresh and remembered for years to come. Details will be posted as they are available on the event website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/coronation.html>

Autocrat: Lord Gauvain Eisenbein (Jeff King) 385-4110

gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com

Reservations and Crash Space: Adelina Marie Castle, 505-710-1767;

adelina_marie_de_castile@yahoo.com



TOYS FOR TOTS AND A DAY OF A&S

Barony of Al-Barran

November 20 and 21, AS XXXIX (2004)

Day of A&S site:

Highland High School, 4700 Coal Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM

Site opens: November 20th at 9am; closes November 20th at 10pm

Site Fees: \$5 OR a toy for adult members and \$8 for adults who are not members OR a toy and the \$3 nonmember charge. Youth (17-6YO) will \$3 OR a toy, and children 5 years old and under are free.

Toys for Tots site:

Bataan Memorial Park, Albuquerque, NM

Site opens November 21st at 9am; closes November 21st at 4pm

Site Fee: Free

To all good gentles who come by these letters, Greetings.

The kids are waiting! Are you ready?

The time is fast approaching for al-Barran's annual Toys for Tots Tournament. On Sunday, November 21st, the annual Toys for Tots Tournament will be held at Bataan Memorial Park, in al-Barran. There will be a Heavy weapons Tournament, a Rapier tournament, food for all, and prizes for the tournament victors. The event will begin at 9:00 am and continue till 4:00 pm. Besides the Martial activities, there will be a prize for the most toys gathered by an individual and by a group.

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The toys raised are going to go to kids who might not have much of a Holiday, due to whatever reason. These toys go to kids in the local area, and they do appreciate the effort, so lets get going and get those toys for the kids.

On Saturday, November 20th, al-Barran will be holding an Arts and Sciences Collegium, Baronial A&S Champion competition, and court dance ball from 9am to 10pm. There will be several tracks of A&S classes, including performing arts, fiber arts, scribal arts, and much, much more from 9am to 5pm. A donation lunch will be available and there will be entertainment during lunch. The A&S competition for the new A&S Champion for al-Barran will be held during the day using a tri fold format to display for this competition. You must have a subscription to the Shaft in order to enter and Shaft subscriptions may be purchased at this event. Documentation for the competition is not required but recommended. There will also be supervised activities for the children and youth throughout the collegium, 9am to 5pm.

In addition, a court dance ball will be held Saturday evening from 7 to 10pm. The site fee will be \$5 OR a toy for adult members and \$8 for adults who are not members OR a toy and the \$3 nonmember charge. Gate fee for youth 17 to 6 years old will \$3 OR a toy, and children 5 years old and under are free.

Directions to Toys for Tots on Sunday at Bataan Memorial Park:

From the north and south: take I-25 to the Lomas exit, go east (towards the mountains) on Lomas, passing 3 traffic lights, turn left before the 4th light (Carlisle), Park is on the left.

From the East and West: take I-40 to Carlisle exit, go south on Carlisle, passing 2 traffic lights, turning right onto Lomas ave. Make an Immediate right. Park is on the left.

Directions to the Day of A&S on Saturday at Highland High School cafeteria:

From the East and west; take I-40 to the San Mateo exit, head South past Central Blvd, just past the Wal-Mart turn right on Highland st. Go to the end of that street, turn right, go to the stop sign, turn left onto Coal, the School is on your left, and the cafeteria is at the west end of the campus.

From North and South; take I-25 to I-40 east, take the San Mateo exit south, and follow the above instructions

Autocrat for Toys for Tots: Lord Morgan at (505) 228-7209 or duckie6469@yahoo.com

Deputy Autocrat for the A&S Collegium and Court Dance Ball: Lady Barbara, at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu

**Teachers Wanted for the
al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium**

We will be holding an al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium (lots of classes) on Saturday, November 20th. There will also be an Arts & Sciences competition to determine the al-Barran A&S Champion. We want science classes as well as classes in the arts. If you are interested in teaching an A&S class, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER AND WAR PRACTICE

Barony of al-Barran

December 18 and 19, AS XXXIX (2004)

Midwinter site:

NM State Fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg,

San Pedro and Lomas, Albuquerque, NM

Midwinter fees: Adults (12 & up): Site only - \$10.00; Feast - \$5.00

Children (age 4 - 11): Site only - \$5.00; Feast - \$3.00

Children 3 and under - No charge

War Practice site:

Bataan Park, Lomas & Carlisle, Albq., NM

War Practice site is free

Join us as we celebrate good friends, good food and good song. Gather in beautiful al-Barran as we enjoy Christmas in the Time of the Troubadours. The hall is decorated with greenery, the Yule log burns, carols waft through the air, the brandywine simmers, men whisper of Eleanor's famed beauty, women listen enraptured to tales of Richard in the Holy Land, and troubadours fill the hall with song. We take our cue from England and France in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries and the holiday traditions of that time. There will be caroling, roving entertainment, vendors, a game room, and European and Middle Eastern dancing in the evening.

Then join us the next morning for a rousing WAR practice at Bataan Park, exact time to be announced at a later date.

Autocrat: THL Connor Graham (Joe Roberts)

lord_connor_graham@yahoo.com 505-379-8226

Feast Steward: Mistress Cailte Caitchairn (Kat Roberts)

karobert@unm.edu 505-401-2005

Online reservation form will be available on al-Barran Midwinter Website

October 4. Mail reservations to:

SCA-al-Barran, Attn: Midwinter

P. O. Box 27676,

Albuquerque, NM 87125

Reservations must be postmarked no later than 12/08/04. Remember, the only good reservation is a paid reservation. Make checks payable to 'SCA-al-Barran'.

NOTE: All alcohol consumed at the feast site MUST be purchased from on-site vendor.

The site for War Practice on Sunday, December 19th is free and bone-dry.

Mid-Winter Entertainment

If you are interested in entertaining at al-Barran's Mid-Winter, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453.

FARMINGTON RENN FAIR DEMO

Barony of Fontaine dans Sable

Farmington, NM

October 17& 18, AS XXXIX (2004)

Hello from Fontaine dans Sable,

As Autocrat for our October 17 & 18 Farmington Renn Fair Demo, I would like to place an invitation to our brothers and sisters in Al-Barran to join us for two days of fighting, playing, crafts demonstrating, bardic, and revelry.

To the wonderful populace of Al Barran from your playful cousins in Fontaine dans Sable, an invitation is extended to join us for our annual Renn Fair Demo. This year the fair will be two days, Oct. 17, Saturday and Oct. 18, Sunday. Camping space is available. Scheduled this year are heavy and light tournaments, arts and sciences demonstrations, a Saturday night bardic followed by "The Tynkers Gone Bad" Revel, period games, a 4-H petting zoo, and much, much, more.

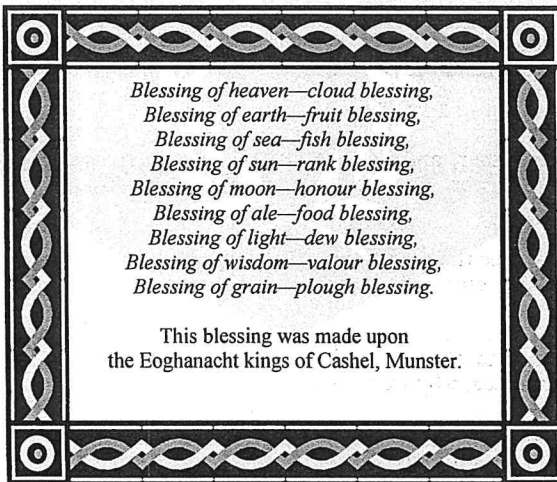
Fighters interested in competing in the tournaments who have submitted or approved devices, please contact me ASAP to have your device placed on the tournament board.

Michelette MacRae

505-860-5195

michellet@doh.state.nm.us

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fontainedansable/>



PONY-WORLD

by Lord Michael McQuillan



Don Rudger take his metalworking to the next Level...

ESTRELLA WAR

Its been a lovely summer, and now its August, time to starting working on your A&S projects for war. The Categories for Arts and Sciences at Estrella War are:

- European Dance— (see the court dance article for info on this)
- Storage Containers in any media (*no clothing accessories*)
- Archery equipment

This is also the time to start attending fighter practice, now is the time to start those war practices, why wait until full autumn is upon us.

Estrella War coordinators are needed, contact the seneschal or Their Excellencies about being a coordinator.

WAR!

GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE

For location of the September meetings and the monthly project, please contact Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com .

Gammer Gurton's Needle is a special interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom weaving, card weaving, etc. please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb.) You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project to work on.

Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com .

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.



COURT DANCING

Court Dance Practices are scheduled for September 12 and 26 and tentatively for October 17 and 24, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Fighter Practice Park, Battan Park at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance practices. We also have a discussion/information list for al-Barran court dancers and musicians at www.yahogroups.com which we encourage you to join. Just go to that website and search for alBarranMusic_Dance and then click on "Join" to join this discussion list, which will give you the latest information concerning court dancing and music practices in al-Barran.

A private discussion list has been created for those who are interested in the 2005 Estrella War European Dance Competition for the A&S war point. Please contact me, Lady Barbara, at 293--7453 or at krege@aps.edu if you wish to be a member of this discussion list, which will keep you informed as to support, competition rules, dance practices, etc. with regard to this War effort.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

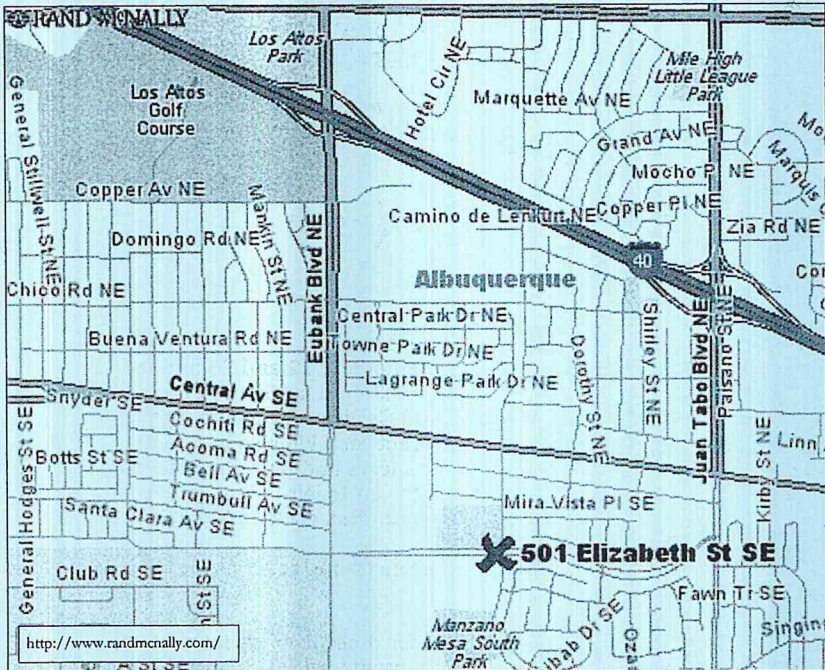


CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting has moved! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on May 18th, mostly to discuss Outlandish biz. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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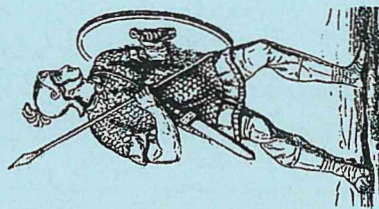
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